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George A. Omas Chairman

November 18, 2002

Hon. Robert F. Rider Chairman U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW Room 10300 Washington, DC 20269-1000

Dear Chairman Rider:

Thank you for your letter of November 14, 2002, concerning the Petition filed with the Commission by Consumer Action. It is useful to learn that the Postal Service is nearing completion of an internal review of products identified in the Petition.

As appropriate action on this Petition is an issue currently pending before the full Commission, I have shared your letter with my colleagues and will post our correspondence on the Commission's website.

We are reassured by your affirmation that the Board of Governors takes very seriously any suggestion that the Postal Service might have failed to comply with its obligations to raise matters before the Commission. You may be certain that the Commission will continue to strive to provide ample opportunity for all concerned to comment before acting on sensitive issues bearing on its complementary responsibilities with the Postal Service.

Sincerely,

George A. Omas

Chairman